



Senator Wayne Allard's Report from Washington

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Allard Capital Conference

The deadline for Allard Capital Conference applications is February 15th. Contact the office nearest you for more information or check out my website at <http://allard.senate.gov/acc>.

Senate Confirms Greenspan

I am pleased to announce that on February 3rd the Senate confirmed Alan Greenspan as Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board by a vote of 89 to 4. Chairman Greenspan's expertise in monetary policy has ensured the long term growth of America's economy and I am confident this trend will continue under his leadership.

February Town Meeting Tour Monday, February 14th

Jackson County: 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the Elk Horn Cafe at 486 Main Street in **Walden**

Routt County: 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the Howelsen Lodge, Olympian Hall (2nd Floor) at 845 Howelsen Pkwy, in **Steamboat Springs**

Moffat County: 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the Moffat County Courthouse at 221 W. Victory Way, in **Craig**

Tuesday, February 15th

Rio Blanco County: 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the White River Elec Assn, Kilowatt Corner at 233 6th Street, in **Meeker**.

Mesa County: 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the County Commissioners Hearing Room at 750 Main, in **Grand Junction**.

Delta County: 3:00-4:00 p.m. at the Delta County Courthouse, Room 234 at 501 Palmer in **Delta**.

Wednesday, February 16th

Pitkin County: 8:00-9:00 a.m. at the Town Council Chambers, 2nd Floor at 16 Kearns Road, in **Snowmass Village**.

Eagle County: 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the Basalt Town Hall at 101 Midland Avenue, in **Basalt**

Garfield County: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, (Community Room 1) at 511 Colorado Ave, in **Carbondale**

Thursday, February 17, 2000

Lake County: 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Mining Hall of Fame and Museum (10th Street Entrance) at 120 W. 9th Street, in **Leadville**

Summit County: 12:00-1:00 p.m. at the Lake Dillon Fire Station at 401 Blue River Parkway, in **Silverthorne**

Grand County: 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Kremmling Town Hall Board Meeting Room at 200 Eagle Avenue, in **Kremmling**

From the Senator

The Benefits of Investing in Research for Colorado and the Nation



As the only veterinarian in Congress, I believe that I bring into the Senate additional insight as to the value of research. As with any medical occupation a veterinarian must pursue many years of learning and studying research results. I have

learned a fundamental understanding of the importance of scientific research, and as a member of Congress, I have consistently supported sufficient funding of research programs.

The United States leads the world in biomedical research and development, and National Institutes of Health (NIH) has been a large part of this accomplishment. NIH is one of this Congress' budgetary priorities. It is the world's leading biomedical research institution and our investment in research saves lives and reduces health care costs. In recent years, this research has produced major advances in the treatment of cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and mental illness that have helped thousands of American families. NIH supports over 50,000 scientists at 1,700 universities and research institutes across the U.S.. NIH is an integral part of the advancement of health care in America, and I believe it deserves our support. This year's proposed budget includes a 12.8 percent increase in funding for NIH over the FY'99 budget level. I support this increase and the continuing effort to double funding for NIH over five years.

I have had personal experience working with research facilities at my alma mater, Colorado State University, where NIH funding has initiated many research projects. Not only have I used these research facilities as a student I have also utilized them as a veterinarian. One current project of interest is a study of tuberculosis at the Department of Microbiology with Professors Patrick Brennen and Ian Orme. This study has been going on for approximately fifteen years and has produced innovative and productive vaccines, tests and screening for this disease. Many people do not realize that tuberculosis is still on the rise and research projects such as this are crucial to the cure of tuberculosis and similar diseases.

Right in our own backyard we have one of the nation's leading health research facilities at the University of Colorado. The National Institute of Health (NIH) has enabled the University to continue in its efforts to advance in technology. Dr. Mark Winey, among others, with the Molecular, Cellular and Development Biology Department has been working with the Boulder Lab for 3D Fine Structure. This virtually unique national research resource under the direction of Dr. Richard McIn-

tosh is able to create three dimensional images of cells using an electron microscope. This system of observing cells and their organization in three dimensions has contributed to the understanding of diseases such as cancer. The NIH has funded the Boulder Lab for 3D Fine Structure, as well as providing funding for the training of students.

National Jewish Medical and Research Center is another jewel in the area of health research in the state of Colorado. Dr. James Crapo, Chairman of the Department of Medicine, is currently working on a project where NIH funding has allowed National Jewish Medical and Research Center to participate. This project is studying bronchopulmonary dysplasia which is a disease seen mostly in premature newborns. Not only is this research testing new treatments for bronchopulmonary dysplasia, but it is also resulting in new drugs that in animals are highly effective in the treatment of asthma and of stroke.

I have also had the pleasure of meeting with a Colorado company called Medtronic who operates both Medtronic Blood Management in Parker and Surgical Navigation Technologies in Broomfield. Surgical Navigation Technologies (SNT) used NIH grant money to fund research and development for their original product, the StealthStation Image Guided Surgery System. SNT is a developer and supplier of high technology medical products focusing on computer assisted surgical and therapeutic equipment. SNT was acquired by Sofamor Danek, Inc. which merged with Medtronic. Within these mergers the company of Medtronic has taken an important leading role in the world of medical and technological research. A recent product from Medtronic, an ear implant called the ActivaTM stimulates the brain to interrupt brain signals that cause tremors due to effects from Parkinson's disease. Medtronic is also in the process of using the results of the ActivaTM to research other ways a similar process can be used to treat epilepsy and other brain disorders.

We can only maintain our economic strength by constantly improving our products through innovation. Maintaining and improving our national ability to innovate is critically important to the nation. Through continued support of health research I hope to see more results and developments from companies such as Medtronic and research institutes such as the University of Colorado, Colorado State University and the National Jewish Medical and Research Center.